

appropriation. To my knowledge, no committee of the Legislature can act on behalf of the Legislature when it affects the general appropriations for state government, whether it be the Exec Board or any other Standing Committee. So I would doubt that you have a valid appropriation as it is written. I think there's probably a way it could be done but I would question if you would have that here, but that may be insignificant because if it's going to run till December, why the next session would be convenient in January and they can do the appropriation in a manner that might be necessary. But it seems to me that, from what I've seen, read and looked at, that...the material I've looked at, that the load test concept' is probably the only ultimate one that would really make a determination and, as I understand it, if that load test fails, then you have substantially more damage to correct than what we do now. And there seems to be fairly good evidence, at least on the part of some experts, that that might be the case because, as I understand it, the problem tends to be with the columns that support the building and not the cross sections that hold up the floor. But, in any event, I think, as I indicated originally, one has to accept whatever experts one wants to and feels most comfortable with. For myself, I'm perfectly comfortable with what has been explored by the university and by the Med Center and feel that the project ought to go ahead as rapidly as possible which was the reason it was in this early deficit bill.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: I would give my time to Senator Schmit, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Schmit, please. (Gavel.)

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members, one of the issues that has never been resolved on this floor and has not been answered satisfactorily is this. How can a situation take 13 years to develop and not even be mentioned when the medical school comes before this body with their \$47 million request and then in 60 days become so critical that another delay of six months is a threat to life and limb? No one has answered that question. Number two, at what point does this Legislature become simply a rubber stamp for the entire system and be used by it almost in a contemptible manner? And you can say Schmit's speaking in inflammatory language. But there comes a time when I think those questions ought to be...ought to be resolved. We